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METHOD FOR PROCESSING COMMUNAL LOCKS

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RELATED APPLICATIONS:

10 This is related to copending United States Patent Applications Serial No. 09/925,384 (Attorney's Docket No. RA-5336) and 09/925,592 (Attorney's Docket No. RA-5416) in that they share much of the same disclosure but claim related inventions.

15 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to multiprocessor computer system architecture and more particularly to systems and methods for reducing access time to memory cells
20 containing highly utilized locks in order to improve throughput.

2. Background Information

In U.S. Patent No. 6,052,760, issued to Bauman et al, (and commonly assigned to Unisys Corporation with the instant patent and hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by
25 this reference), a system for providing identifiable software locks in a multiprocessor system with a memory hierarchy having independently functioning data caches and a main